GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:226
ANSWERED ON:21.07.2004
ROAD ACCIDENTS
Mahato Shri Bir Sing;Yadav Shri Ram Kripal

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has the largest number of casualties in the world in road accidents ;

(b) if so, whether any survey has been conducted in this regard ; (

(c) if so, the outcome thereof ;

(d) whether any effective policy has been formulated to check the road accidents in the country ;

(e) if so, the details thereof ; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a)to(f) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 226 FOR ANSWER ON 21.07.2004 ASKED BY SHRI BIR SINGH MAHATO AND SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV REGARDING ROAD ACCIDENTS

(a), (b)&(c) While the number of casualties in road accidents in India is high, it is not the largest in the world. However, as observed in the Report of July, 2001 of the Working Group on Road Accidents, Injury Prevention and Control set up by Planning Commission,`it is difficult to make comparisons between countries because often the information is not available to allow for all the differences in traffic and travel conditions`.

(d)&(e) Yes Sir. Some of the important steps being taken by the Govt. besides highway design to check the road accidents in the country are as under :

(1) Assistance for setting up of Driving Training Schools.

(2) Provision of refresher training to drivers of heavy motor vehicles.

(3) Publicity campaign on road safety awareness through audio-visual-print media.

(4) Grants-in-aid to voluntary organizations for administering road safety programmes.

(5) Encouraging use of simulators in driver's training.

(6) Institution of National Award for voluntary organizations/individual for outstanding work in the field of road safety.

(7) Organizing All India Essay Competition on road safety for school children with a view to create awareness.

(8) Tightening of fitness norms for transport vehicles.

(9) Widening /improvements of roads, etc.

(f) Does not arise.